

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

February 5th, 2017

“...Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

REVELATION 1:5-6

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy (B-lated) Birthday!

Noah Gibbs - January 31st, Tony Stafford - February 1st,

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS

JOHN 21:15—DO YOU LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST?

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

JOY IN THE HEART OF GOD

“...I SAY UNTO YOU, THERE IS JOY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ANGELS OF GOD OVER ONE SINNER THAT REPENTETH.” LUKE 15:10

A mother feels great delight in her children, for an intense love comes with natural relationships; but there is a still deeper love connected with spiritual kinship, a love which lasts through life, and will continue in eternity, for even in heaven each servant of the Lord shall say, “*Here am I, and the children whom Thou hast given me.*” (HEBREWS 2:13) They neither marry nor are given in marriage in the city of our God, but fatherhood and brotherhood in Christ shall still survive. Those sweet and blessed bonds which grace has formed continue for ever, and spiritual relationships are rather developed than dissolved by translation to the better land. If you are eager for real joy, such as you may think over and sleep upon, I am persuaded that no joy of growing wealthy, no joy of increasing knowledge, no joy of influence over your fellow-creatures, no joy of any other sort, can ever be compared with the rapture of saving a soul from death, and helping to restore our lost brethren to our great Father’s house. Talk of ten thousand pounds reward! It is nothing at all, one might easily spend that amount; but one

cannot exhaust the unutterable delights which come from the gratitude of souls converted from the error of their ways.

But the richest reward lies in pleasing God, and causing the Redeemer to see of the travail of His soul. That Jesus should have His reward, is worthy of the Eternal Father; but it is marvellous that we should be employed by the Father to give to Christ the purchase of His agonies. This is a wonder of wonders! O my soul, this is an honour too great for thee! A bliss too deep for words! Listen, dear friends, and answer me. What would you give to cause a thrill of pleasure in the heart of the Well-beloved? Recollect the grief you cost Him, and the pangs that shot through Him that He might deliver you from your sin and its consequences; do you not long to make Him glad? When you bring others to His feet, you give Him joy, and no small joy either. Is not that a wonderful text,—*“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth”*? What does that mean? Does it mean that the angels have joy? We generally read it so, but it is not the intent of the verse. It says, *“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God,”*—that is, joy in the heart of God, around whose throne the angels stand. It is a joy which angels delight to behold,—what is it? Is the blessed God capable of greater joy than His own boundless happiness? Wondrous language this! The infinite bliss of God is more eminently displayed, if it cannot be increased. Can we be the instruments of this? Can we do anything which will make the Ever-blessed glad? Yes, for we are told that the great Father rejoices above measure when His prodigal son that was dead is alive again, and the lost one is found.

From the book **“The Soul Winner: How to Lead Sinners to the Saviour”**. Download a free copy from our online bookshelf at bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us

PASTOR **CHARLES SPURGEON** (1834—1892)

SAVED BY GRACE

“...SALVATION IS OF THE LORD.” JONAH 2:9 (EPHESIANS 2:8)

We are saved by grace – *free* grace, *rich* grace, *sovereign* grace, *distinguishing* grace – without one atom of works, without one grain of creature merit, without anything of the flesh.

Oh! *Sweet* grace, *blessed* grace!

Oh! What a help – what a strength – what a rest for a poor, toiling, striving, laboring soul -to find that grace has done all the work – to feel that grace has triumphed in the cross of Christ – to find that nothing is required, nothing is needed, nothing is to be done!

PASTOR **J.C. PHILPOT** (1802 – 1869)

GOOD NEWS

“...THOU HAST MADE MY DAYS AS AN HANDBREADTH; AND MINE AGE IS AS NOTHING BEFORE THEE: VERILY EVERY MAN AT HIS BEST STATE IS ALTOGETHER VANITY.” PSALM 39:5

Everyone likes to receive glad tidings. But not every thing that is proclaimed to be good news is so great. Sometimes what seems to be good news is not so good when the results are in. This is especially true in religion. False religion has an incredible ability to present a damnable lie (salvation by works) in the guise of truth and the multitudes gladly receive it. The fact is that there is no good news for sinful man apart from JESUS CHRIST and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). Chosen by God in CHRIST (Ephesians 1:4); redeemed by the blood of CHRIST (1 Peter 1:18-19); clothed with the imputed righteousness of CHRIST (Romans 4:24); CHRIST revealed by His Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:1-10) and given faith in Christ in regeneration by the preaching of CHRIST, kept by the power of God through faith in CHRIST (Ephesians 2:1-10) — This is GOOD NEWS! If one could but read and believe Ephesians chapter one, (as well as all other Scriptures), they could not deny that the good news is CHRIST! On the other hand anything that originates in man is bad news. Anything that man finishes is bad news. And everything in-between is the same.

“On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand!”

PASTOR **TOMMY ROBINS** (1948—2011)

WHY CHRIST CAME

“...YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS, AS SILVER AND GOLD, FROM YOUR VAIN CONVERSATION RECEIVED BY TRADITION FROM YOUR FATHERS; BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT:”

1 PETER 1:18-19

Jesus Christ came into the world not only to reveal the Father, but to redeem the sinner. He came not as the President of our country who would go into a disaster area to look upon the poor, helpless victims, but to redeem victims of depravity whom the Father gave him in the covenant of redemption. Christ came not to redeem by appointed methods, but by Himself. He came not to stand by and prescribe, but to minister and provide the means of salvation. The Savior came not only to provide salvation, but to be that Salvation. (REVELATION 1:5)

PASTOR **SCOTT RICHARDSON** (1923—2010)